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SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR CHAD

REFERENCE: NDJAMENA 1758

1. AT PRESENT CHAD IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR EITHER GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE OR FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDITS. IN ORDER TO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR EITHER OR BOTH, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE PRESIDENT TO FIND THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD "STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND PROMOTE WORLD PEACE." ANY SUCH FINDING WOULD BE NOTIFIED TO THE CONGRESS AND PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER AS A MATTER OF STANDARD PRACTICE.

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2. FROM TIME TO TIME, THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED SIMILAR

REQUESTS FROM OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES. IN MOST CASES, WE
HAVE HAD TO INDICATE OUR REGRETS AT NOT BEING ABLE TO
EXTEND SUCH ASSISTANCE. EXCEPTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE WHERE WE
HAVE FOUND A CLEAR LINKAGE TO U.S. SECURITY INTERESTS. AS
FOR CHAD, AT LEAST FROM THE WASHINGTON END, WE DO NOT
BELIEVE SUCH LINKAGE EXISTS. THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST THAT
REGRETS BE GIVEN TO GENERAL MALLOUM, CITING THE VERY STRONG
JUSTIFICATION WHICH THE CONGRESS NOW REQUIRES BEFORE WE MAY
INITIATE A NEW MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. INGERSOLL

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